RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Government themselves will look into the appointments and detect irregularities if there are any.

Director of Agriculture.

199. ✻ **MR. P. K. KUNJU** (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the qualification of the present Director of Agriculture; and

(*b*) whether he has any agricultural training and experience?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: (*a*) The present Director of Agriculture and Fisheries is a graduate of the Madras University with two years' post graduate training in the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and one year's post graduate training in the Imperial Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa and an M. sc. of the University of New Jersey, U. S. A.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. P. K. KUMARAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): May I know whether there was any qualified Ezhva applicant for the post of the Director of Agriculture?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: There was one Ezhava who had acted as Assistant to the Director of Agriculture. He had acted for short periods as assistant Director of Agriculture. But it is not known whether he was an applicant for the place; and he was in another department at the time.

MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKAR: ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ അഗ്രികൾച്ചർ ഡയറക്ടരുടെ സീനിയറായി ഒരു ഈഴവൻ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നോ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: No.

MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKAR: അദ്ദേഹം ഡയറക്ടരായി ആക്റ്റ് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്നോ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: ഇല്ല; അസിസ്റ്റന്റ് ഡയറക്ടരായി ആക്ട് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. ശമ്പളം കൊണ്ടും സർവീസ്സ് കൊണ്ടും ആ ആറാം ജൂനിയർ ആയിരുന്നു.

MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKAR: അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ കപ്പാളിഫിക്കേഷൻ എന്താണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. I trust honourable members will not canvass qualifications of particular officers. It will not do any good to the officers concerned and the honourable members will see that they avoid this.

MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKAR: ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ഡയറക്ടർ അസിസ്റ്റന്റ് ഡയറക്ടരുടെ ജൂനിയറായിരുന്നയാളാണോ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: അതെ.

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MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKAR : സീനിയറായി ആളുണ്ടായിരിക്കുമ്പോൾ ജൂനിയറായിരിക്കുന്ന ആളിനു ഡയറക്ടർ സ്ഥാനം കൊടുക്കാനുള്ള കാരണം എന്താണ്?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP : I am sorry I thought the member said senior. The present Director of Agriculture was decidedly senior in post and service to the officer referred to by the member, as I stated already.

MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKAR : ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ഡയറക്ടരുടെ പരിക്ഷായോഗ്യത എന്തെന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP : He is a B. A. of the Madras University and an M. sc., of New Jersey University advanced Agriculture and Soil Science, in America.

MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKAR : അഗ്രികൽച്ചർ സംബന്ധമായി വല്ല പരീക്ഷയും ജയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP : ഉണ്ട്.

MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKAR : എന്താണ് അതു?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP : M. sc.

Deputation for training of the Director of Agriculture.

110. * MR. P. K. KUNJU : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the present Director of Agriculture had been deputed for training by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, for what purpose and at what cost to the Government?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP : (*a*) and (*b*) The present Director of Agriculture had not been deputed for any training by Government. Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar was deputed by Government, while he was Assistant Agricultural Chemist, to Pusa to undergo a course of training in Agricultural Bacteriology. The cost of that deputation was Rs. 1783-11-8.

Construction of groynes of the Praikara river.

111. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has received a representation dated 2nd Kanni 1110 from the inhabitants of Mavelikara regarding the early construction of the 4th groyne along the left bank of the Praikara river; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken on the same?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate has been prepared for the work, but it is pending sanction for want of funds.

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